

# Hammonton Environmental Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Present: Bachalis, Bethmann, Cafiso, Carr, Crowley, Menzel

Absent: Campos, Hozik, Matro

Town Council Liaison:

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Joe Berenato

Guests: Dan Benedetto, Bruce Caporale, Marco Caponi, poster contest winners and family/friends.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Dispense with Regular Order of Business: Motion: Cafiso; Second: Bethmann; Approved by Acclamation.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners: Honorable Mention: Alex Ott, Bentley Parker, Logan Perna, and Ashley Zopillactle.

Third place: Leena Kiry

Second place: Maverick Gannon

First place: Madelyn Castine

Tree Removal Applications for Residents Present:

1. Atlantic City Electric. No representative was present. Motion to deny: Bethmann; Second: Crowley. Denied.
2. Marco Caponi, 132 & 144 Broadway. Mr. Caponi is looking to build a duplex on each lot. He would like to maintain as much of the wooded lots as possible and is asking to clear the area where the homes will be built as well as a 30' radius around each home. He will also need to clear the driveway and where the water and sewer lines will go. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.
3. Bruce Caporale, 599 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Carr. Approved by acclamation.
4. Dan Benedetto, 124 Cypress. Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Cafiso. Approved by acclamation.

Motion to Return to Regular Order of Business: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved by Acclamation.

Approval of May Minutes: Motion to approve: Menzel; Second: Crowley. Cafiso abstained. Approved 5-0.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – No report.
- Land Use Board – No report.

- Lake Water – Bachalis; The meeting was held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Members held a lake paddle before the meeting began to look at the bladderwort. The Town is not going to spray the lake this year due to the need to research the types of bladderwort present in the lake.
- Great Egg Harbor River Council – No report
- Green Committee – Menzel; The garden is doing well. Holding a workday on 6/24 to repair the shade posts. The first garden talk will be held on 6/29 at 6:30 at the garden. Other talks will take place on 7/11 and 8/2. The committee is looking for donations for the shed replacement. The committee will also be a part of the garden tour held on 6/23 at 5:30 in Egg Harbor City. Continuing to work on the Sustainable Jersey certification. The seed library is going well. There will be a clean community dinner on 6/20. The first green market will be held on 6/15 with subsequent markets in July, August, and September.
- Bike Advisory – No report.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso; Denise Mazzeo approved 1 use of facility request. Flowers were planted at Veteran’s Park. The committee is looking at cameras for Moss Mill Park. Continuing the discussion of the tennis/pickleball courts and who will use them.

Tree Removal Applications Continued:

5. Michael Ferrara, 740 Valley Ave. Prior approval by Chair.
6. Bjorn Christiano/Kerry Ferrante, 203 S Egg Harbor Road. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Crowley. Approved 6-0.
7. Jorge Lopez, 131 Lincoln Street. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Carr. Approved 6-0.
8. Nicholas LaGuardia, 23 Marlyn Avenue. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Carr. Approved 6-0.
9. Creekview Development, 211-213 Grape Street. Prior approval by Chair.
10. Silvana Polizatto, 220 Pratt St. Motion to approve: Cafiso; Second: Carr. Approved 6-0.
11. Joe & Stacy Giancaspro, 733 Bellevue Avenue. Motion to approve 7 trees and deny 1 tree: Cafiso; Second: Bethmann. Approved 6-0.
12. Gerald Furgione, 525 Peach Street. Prior approval by Chair.
13. Janice Nee, 521 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Motion to approve: Carr; Second: Cafiso. Approved 6-0.
14. Matt Grasso, 526 Boyer Avenue. Motion to approve: Crowley; Second: Carr. Approved 6-0.

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.